

My name is Kenneth Speyer. I am a voter, living in New Britain, CT.

I am writing in support of HJR 161, RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR EARLY VOTING AND NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING. I also support other resolutions and bills to permit Early Voting and/or No-Excuse Absentee Voting.

Connecticut was once a leader in providing access to voting for all our citizens. Today we lag behind most other states, in requiring that all voters cast their ballot on a single day, unless they meet one of the qualifications for an absentee ballot. This is inconvenient for many people, who wish to vote but who must care for children or ill relatives, who have long commutes, or who have other responsibilities in their lives.

Experience in other states has clearly shown that neither early voting nor no-excuse absentee balloting will lead to election fraud.

Connecticut should join the majority of states, which make it more convenient for citizens to discharge their important civic responsibility of voting.

Thank you.

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